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Gentlemen:

The following briefly summarizes my opinions and conclusions concerning the Microsoft anti-trust case(s), from my perspective as a consumer, shareholder and patriotic American. I believe they are shared by many others like me.

It is time to end the the legal war on Microsoft for the following reasons:

1. The attack on Microsoft by the Reno/Klein DOJ was misguided from the start. American anti-trust laws are meant to protect consumers, not businesses losing in open market competition. Consumers benefit when business seek to "level their competitors" not when governments seek to "level the playing-field." Protect the businesses and you get Europe.
2. I believe the attack on Microsoft was motivated to a significant degree by issues of political contributions and personal career aspirations. Microsoft failed to lobby government entities on the same scale as its competitors. Some politicians collaborated with Microsoft's competitors, who they considered constituents. I believe others saw Microsoft's balance sheet as a "giant honey pot" and wanted to "wet their beak." I believe some State Attorneys General sought to further their personal careers via the publicity that came with pursuing a lawsuit against Microsoft.
3. The results to date have been profoundly damaging to the U.S. economy and millions of savers and investors. The financial losses in the retirement accounts of millions of workers and retirees, while incalculable, must far, far outweigh any possible benefits to consumers in general. How have consumers benefited at all?

Just stop it!

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